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INFO AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, MTN  
SUBJECT: MTN: TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS:  
TRINADAD AND TOBAGO

REF: STATE 210593

1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO AUGUST 25 VISIT OF TRADE CONSULTATION  
TEAM TO PORT OF SPAIN, US MTN DEL AND ASSISTANT STR LANDE  
MET WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MTN DEL GREY, SEPTEMBER 29.  
US SIDE REVIEWED VISIT TO T&T, EMPHASIZING THAT WE HAD  
CONTINUED TO MAKE PROGRESS WITH SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES  
IN BILATERAL TROPICAL PRODUCTS (TP) NEGOTIATIONS. THE US  
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HOPED AGREEMENTS WOULD BE REACHED WHICH WOULD PERMIT  
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IMPLEMENTATION OF AS LARGE A PORTION AS POSSIBLE OF THE  
US TP OFFER. FOR TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON PRODUCTS OF  
INTEREST TO T&T (SUCH AS BITTERS AND TONKA BEANS) IN US  
TP OFFER TO BE IMPLEMENTED, SOME AGREEMENT WOULD BE  
NECESSARY WITH GOTT CONCERNING ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
NEGOTIATIONS.

2. T&T DEL GREY SAID HE HAD BEEN BRIEFED IN PORT OF SPAIN BEFORE RETURNING TO GENEVA AND WAS FAMILIAR WITH NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS THERE. HE REPEATED T&T DISAPPOINTMENT THAT MANY OF THE PRODUCTS THEY HAD REQUESTED IN THE TP NEGOTIATIONS HAD NOT BEEN ON US TP OFFER LIST. HE NOTED T&T STILL SOUGHT IMPROVEMENTS IN US TP OFFER, AND WAS HOPEFUL THAT ACTION ON THEIR TP REQUESTS COULD ALSO BE OBTAINED IN NEGOTIATIONS IN OTHER MTN GROUPS, SUCH AS AGRICULTURE AND TARIFFS. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTIONING BY US SIDE, GREY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GOTT HAD RECENTLY TAKEN RENEWED INTEREST IN THE MTN--PRESUMABLY AS A RESULT OF THE TRADE TEAM VISIT -- AND THAT BOTH US TP OFFER AND SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTIONS WERE BEING INTENSIVELY STUDIED. HE ESTIMATED IT WOULD TAKE THREE WEEKS FOR HIM TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM PORT OF SPAIN CONCERNING THIS EVALUATION OF THE US OFFER AND OF SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE US WAS SEEKING FROM T&T, WHICH WOULD ALSO REQUIRE CONSULTATIONS WITH ITS CARICOM PARTNERS. HE PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH US MTN DEL AS SOON AS HE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PORT OF SPAIN.

3. IT WAS NOTED DURING MEETING THAT AS GATT MEMBER, IT WOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY FOR T&T TO IMPLEMENT ANY AGREEMENT THAT MIGHT BE REACHED BY AMENDING ITS GATT SCHEDULES.

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4. COMMENT:IGREY TENDS TO TAKE A RELATIVELY HARD LDC LINE ON MOST ISSUES. WE ARE UNCERTAIN IF HE WILL RECOMMEND TO GOTT THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE COMPLETED WITH THE US AT THIS TIME ON US TP OFFER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN CAN DEVELOP CONCERNING STATUS OF GOTT CONSIDERATION OF TP NEGOTIATIONS WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN MOVED SUBSTANTIALLY FORWARD DURING TRADE TEAM VISIT.

6. DRAFTED BY KNEPPER. MCDONALD

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